

TITLE: CHILD WELFARE MANUAL  
SECTION 6: RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
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ATTACHMENT D: GUIDELINES FOR AWARD OF CREDIT FOR NON-AGENCY  
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Credit may be granted for "non-agency training" (not arranged or provided by Children's Division (CD)) if the following guidelines are met:

The trainer or director of the training program must submit to the licensing worker a letter specifying:

- a) Content of the training;
- b) Amount of class time involved;
- c) Foster parent wishing credit has completed the program (if they are asking after-the-fact); and
- d) Name and title of trainer.

Classes which are at least eight hours in length and which deal directly with some aspect of foster care are considered appropriate.

NOTE: The disadvantage of gaining training in this manner is that the foster parent does not experience the mutual support network of other foster parents, an outcome of agency-arranged training every bit as important as the content.

Credit may be granted for "educational/informational meetings" (less than eight hours) if the content is related to foster care and approved by the Area Office.

NOTE: The disadvantage of a short, informational meeting is that it has little impact on a foster parent's skill level. While it may be a stimulating presentation, involving an exchange of information, it is no substitute for 4-8 weeks of ongoing sessions wherein new skills, behaviors, and abilities are practiced and thoroughly discussed in an environment of mutual support.

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